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Probably most of the younger Assyriologists were introduced to the Old Babylonian legal texts by Meissner's *Beiträge zum altbabylonischen Privatrecht,* published in 1893, and few of them will be willing to lay aside that epoch-making work without first paying tribute to the splendid scholarship displayed therein. Since the appearance of Meissner's work, hundreds of other legal texts have been published and ably discussed by Daiches, Ranke, Poebel, and others. In the fifth volume of the *Vorderasiatische Bibliothek,*[1] Schorr has gathered together the results of the labors of these scholars, augmenting them with no mean contributions of his own. This volume will undoubtedly be the textbook for the student of this class of texts for many years to come.

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[1] *Urkunden des altbabylonischen Zivil- und Prozessrechts.* Bearbeitet von M. Schorr. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1913. Pp. lvi+618.